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Applicants: **Hetterscheid, et al.**

Serial No.: **10/015,338** Art Unit: **3643**

Filed: **December 11, 2001** Examiner: **T. Price**

For: **DEVICE FOR PROCESSING A SLAUGHTER PRODUCT**

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This paper responds to the Office Action mailed April 28, 2003 in the above-identified patent application.

Amendments to Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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Petition for Extension of Time is on page 26 of this paper.

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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Independent Claims	5	-3 **	2	86	172
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1204 86	2204 43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
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1401 330	2401 165	Notice of Appeal	
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1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
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1453 1,330	2453 665	Petition to revive – unintentional	
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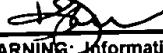
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